

Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure - Group 2628

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIDAKI OHSHIMA et al.

Application No.: 09/176,274

Filed: October 21, 1998

For: IMAGE PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
MEMORY

Examiner: J. Brier

Group Art Unit: 2628

Confirmation No.: 7987

March 9, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION,  
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW  
AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: